

Appl. No. 10/723,812

Reply to Office Action of February 28, 2006

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on February 28, 2006, the Office set forth a restriction requirement and identified the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a flame retardant polymer composition, classified in class 252, subclass 609.

Group II. Claims 11-51, drawn to a process for making a phosphorous-containing metal oxide sol and making flame retardant polymer compositions thereof, classified in class 524, subclass 706.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group II, that is, claims 11-51, for prosecution on the merits. In this regard, claims 1-10 have been withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this reply is fully responsive to the election requirement mailed on February 28, 2006. However, should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss the above-identified application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason an extension is required to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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